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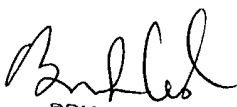
1. The reply filed on April 27, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amended claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, and 17 raises new issue by changing the scope of the claims. Applicant, in addition to rewriting the objected claims in independent form, is adding language and changing words in the abovementioned claims. Applicant is reminded that prosecution of the application is closed, and applicant can only submit that are not the ones. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cris L. Rodriguez whose telephone number is (703) 308-2194. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on (703) 308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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